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SUBJECT: REACTION TO FAHMY VISIT TO WASHINGTON

1. IN PAST FEW HOURS, SEVERAL INFORMED EGYPTIANS HAVE TOLD US THAT INITIAL HIGHLY FAVORABLE REACTION TO FAHMY'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON HAS BEGUN TO TURN SOUR. AS THEY SEE IT, CAUSE IS UNREMITTANT TONE OF OCTOBER 31 PRESS CONFRENECE HELD BY MRS. MEIR. THEY SAY THEY BELIEVE THAT MRS. MEIER WENT TO WASHINGTON ON A SPOILING OPERATION FOLLOWING ON FAHMY'S HEEL. THEY BELIEVE SHE MAY VE SUCCEEDED, OTHERWISE SHE WOULD NOT HAVE TAKEN EXTREME AND UNCOMPROMISING LINE IN PUBLIC STATEMENTS IN US CAPITAL.

2. ONE OF THESE EGYPTIANS IS HAMDI FUAD, OF SMALL IMPORTANCE HIMSELF BUT A CLOSE ASSOCIATE AND COMPANION OF HEYKAL. FUAD SAYS THAT HEYKAL IS NOW ASKING WHETHER HE IS SEEING A REPEAT OF HAFEZ ISMAIL'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON IN FEBRUARY WHICH WAS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY ARRIVAL OF MRS. MEIR AND SUBSEQUENT PRESS STORIES OF NEW US WEAPONS DEAL WITH ISRAEL. FUAD POINTED OUT THAT EGYPTIANS VIEW HAFEZ ISMAIL'S VISIT AS A FAILURE. MOREOVER, HE SEES IN HEYKAL'S PRESENT MOOD SOME OF THE SAME ELEMENTS OF DOUBT AND DISLLUSION WHICH EXISTED AFTER FAILURE OF ISMAIL'S TRIP. CONFIDENTIAL

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